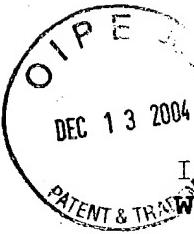


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Most notably, Applicants desire to stress to the Examiner that the Technical Board held the claims patentable over reference C2, i.e., U.S. Patent No. 5,445,347 to Ng. The Board stated on page 32:

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"Hence, the application to aircraft monitoring system is not sufficiently described in C2 to make the subject matter claimed in the patent in suit directly and unambiguously derivable for a skilled person. Consequently, the Board does not consider the claimed subject matter as anticipated by the prior art disclosed in C2."

The Technical Board also found the claims patentable over C0 and/or C1, i.e., U.S. Patent No. 5,359,446 to Johnson et al., and U.S. Patent No. 4,729,102 to Miller, Jr. et al.

Applicants note that the Technical Board considered more relevant the Airline Electronic Engineering Committee (AEEC) Letter 91-079/DLK-391, April 5, 1991, which had been cited by Applicants and not used in any rejection by the Examiner.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this submission of information, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

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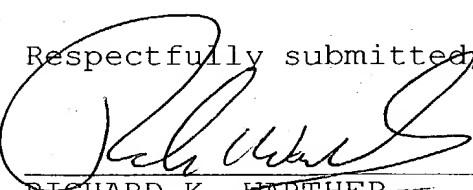
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